



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 22, 2007

S. 1079

Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act

As reported by Senate Committee on the Judiciary on May 21, 2007

S. 1079 would establish a commission to encourage, plan, develop, coordinate, and execute programs, observances, grants, and activities commemorating the historic events that preceded and are associated with the War of 1812. The commission would consist of 22 members and would have eight years to report to the Congress on its activities. Members would serve without pay but would be reimbursed for travel expenses. In addition, the commission could hire staff, use personnel from other federal agencies or state employees, and volunteers. The commission would terminate 90 days after submitting its final report. S. 1079 would direct the commission to prepare a strategic and annual performance plan for its activities. The bill also would authorize the appropriation of up to \$500,000 annually over the 2008-2015 period for the expenses of the commission.

Assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the commission would spend about \$500,000 annually over the 2008-2015 period. Because S. 1079 would authorize the commission to accept and use gifts, the legislation could affect revenues and direct spending. CBO estimates, however, that any revenues from contributions and subsequent direct spending would be less than \$500,000 annually and would offset each other over the eight years of the commission's activities.

S. 1079 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Any participation by state or local governments in programs or activities of this commission would be voluntary.

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